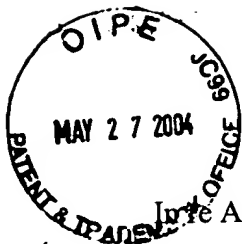


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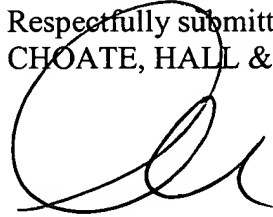
A Final Office Action was mailed February 23, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application and an Advisory Action was mailed on March 11, 2004.

Several calls have been placed to the Examiner on this case in which she has stated that this Final Office Action and Advisory Action were sent in error and that she would issue a new non-final Office Action withdrawing the Advisory Action and finality of the previous Office Action. Three of these telephone calls were made on March 30, April 27, and May 17, 2004. As of today, a new Office Action has not been received. In the meantime, the time period for responding to the Final Office continues to elapse.

Applicant requests the status of this application and asks when the new non-final Office Action will be issued.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4042.

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